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OUTDOOR RECREATION WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS SCHEDULED AT NATIONAL BISON RANGE

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The 10th semi-annual Outdoor Education Workshop for teachers in the area is scheduled at the National Bison Range at Moiese Saturday, April 20. Registrants will meet at the warehouse inside the main gates at 8 a.m. The workshop will end about 6 p.m.

The workshop will give teachers of all subjects and grade levels ideas about how to use the outdoors as a classroom. People involved in outdoor educational programs will share with the participants skills and materials they have used successfully with students.

The workshop will take place at the bison range and at the Pablo and Ninepipe Wildlife Refuges. Participants may choose one of the following options: (1) Project Wild/Nature Trail activities. Maximum: 20 teachers (K-6). (2) Wetlands/Problems and Ecology of the Flathead River Basin. Maximum 10 teachers (7-12). (3) Bison Range Tour: Geology/Soils/Orienteering. Maximum: 20 teachers (5-12).

Participants may earn one undergraduate or graduate credit through the University of Montana Center for Continuing Education. The fee is \$30, payable at the workshop. A pre-registration fee of \$10 is required to cover cost of materials and transportation. Participants will take their own lunch.

Information about the workshop, which is limited to 50, may be obtained by calling Beth Hogg at the National Bison Range, 644-2211, or Donna Briggs at 883-5593.